

# Dome tent cool place to be at jamboree

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Every day thousands of Scouts at the 2001 National Scout Jamboree venture through the Army Adventure Area. Here Scouts and visitors are mostly enthused by tactical displays and interactive exhibits. But there's a single tent with the longest wait. Dozens of kids wait up to an hour and a half to enter the National Guard's dome tent. "This is the only tent where kids wait to get in, just to watch an eight and a half minute movie," said Staff Sgt. Ed. D. Jones, a special forces medic with B Company, 3rd Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group. While in line, Scouts and visitors are entertained with two interactive stations before they reach the big tent. The first station allows them to practice shooting with an M-16, at Nintendo targets on a large screen. At the second station Scouts are handed out National Guard trading cards, and the very sought after green and beige boony hats, a fashion item that has become a must-have to visitors of the jamboree.

The final leg of the wait leads them to a large rubber 'bubble-like' movie theater tent. Under the National Guard dome, almost a hundred Scouts and visitors are packed in. They are immediately introduced to Jones, who gives them a brief overview on the film they are about to view. He also works on motivating the crowd by generating screams of pride and fun.

The eight and a half minute film begins. The seven Army values: leadership, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage, are defined and explained to the visitors by young soldiers on the screen. These soldiers also discuss their personal reasons for joining and the benefits they received.



Spc. Dwayne M. Terry, 1st Battalion of the 11th Artillery National Guard Battery, aids Life Scout Michael S. Lowry, Troop 310, Reston, Va. as he practices shooting the Nintendo operated M-16.

The visitors leave excited, educated and sometimes return for more. Though the National Guard's educational benefits are the heaviest stressed benefit

I've gotten this chance to participate." The guardsmen here are a diverse group, which allows for the visitors to be exposed to the many different jobs the National Guard offers.

"I want to be in the Army," said Thomas R. Richardson, Troop 1030, Bettendorf, Iowa. Richardson has visited the tent and seen the film five times and plans to return for a sixth viewing.

"From the film, I've learned how to be a team player and realize the importance of being loyal to your friends," said Richards.

So Richardson enters the hour and a half wait line, for another eight and a half minute glimpse at a career that may very well become part of his future.

throughout the film, judging by the yells and excitement of the crowd, they seem more interested in the more "Hooooaaahhh stuff", said Jones. "I'm excited because of their enthusiasm," said Staff Sgt. Robert C. Smith Jr., data processor with the Virginia Army National Guard. "It's very contagious and I feel lucky

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## QRF on standby for Scout's safety

By Staff Sgt. Pat Johnston  
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"We take pride in everything we do - from making our beds to doing our mission," said Spc. Gena A. Sticlaru, 511th Military Police Company, Fort Drum, N.Y.

The only active MP Company to augment the Department of Public Safety at Fort A. P. Hill, the 511th's 101-person quick reaction force is detail and mission oriented - all of the time.

"The soldiers have set the standard here in the Wilcox (Camp) area. The first sergeant has been given points of excellence for the appearance of the soldiers and barracks," boasted company commander, Capt. Shannon-Mikal Lucas. "The mission's been a success so far. We've received great support from Fort A.P. Hill and their staff," said Lucas.

"Chief" Mary A. Staab, director of public safety for Fort A.P. Hill said, "We are glad to have them (the 511th). They are a super asset as part of the law enforcement team. I can't say enough good things about them," said Staab.

The QRF schedule is rigorous. They get up at 4:30 a.m. daily, load their trucks, draw weapons at the arms room at 5:00, have a quick breakfast and then drive to the QRF building to relieve the standing-by platoon. The second platoon is on 20-minute recall and the just relieved platoon is on a two-hour recall.

While on duty, QRF soldiers are studying and training constantly in the roomy QRF building.

"But we're always in that frame of mind that any second we're going to get that call and we're going to have to go out and show them what we can do. And it's kind of exciting standing by and knowing, or not knowing, if you're going to have the opportunity,"



Sgt. Thomas Taberski, team leader 3rd Platoon, 511 Military Police Company, prepares to start pre-combat inspections during QRF alert at jamboree.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Pat Johnston

said Sticlaru. "But you know that you're ready, you're ready for anything that they have," said Sticlaru confidently. The 511th trained for any contingency at the jamboree, including downed aircraft, armed robbery, searching for lost Scouts, assistance in evacuation for tent fires and assistance in mass evacuation due to weather. Maintenance, communication and medical sections supported the three military police platoons. One of the 511th medics assisted at the jamboree hospital. The 511th trained for months in contingency operations for the arena show at jamboree. When the president was forced to cancel his attendance at the jamboree, the 511th took it in stride.

"For the president not to show is not a big deal to the unit because we still got to support the jamboree. We have to train for every aspect of the jamboree from start to finish. So we just drive on and adjust fire and handle the next mission," said Lucas.

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# Scouts learn first aid from ‘Dancing Nurses’

By Spc. Elizabeth Casebeer  
314th Press Camp Headquarters

1st Lt. Susan L. Casey pretended to sob as she sat on the ground clutching her leg. Jake Kosten, a Scout from Troop 1133, Grand Rapids, Mich., immediately checked to see if she was okay and he applied first aid. Kosten placed Casey’s “hurt” leg in a splint. “Make it snug,” Casey, a nurse with the 2290th U.S. Army Hospital, Walter Reed, Washington, D.C., coached. With the completed lesson, the 14-year-old Scout had just earned his first aid merit badge.

The first aid badge is one of the many badges Scouts can earn from military personnel at the Merit Badge Midway.

The first aid tent has five classes the Scouts must participate in to earn the badge. The Scouts don’t actually receive the badge at the jamboree, though. They have to fill out cards and get them signed off, said Pvt. Eric M. Heilmann, a medic with the 2290th.

The Scouts have to bring the blue copy of their cards back to their troops and take a test to prove they earned the badge. After the kids have been “checked off” on their cards, they can hang a ribbon with their name and troop on the Merit Badge Midway “Arch,” said Heilmann.

To do this, the unit has to be neat and



Photo by Spc. Elizabeth Casebeer

**1st Lt. Susan L. Casey, a nurse with the 2290th U.S. Army Hospital, Walter Reed, Washington, D.C., shows Star Scout Michael K. Hinson from Troop 203, Warsaw, Va., how to make a bandage in the field.**

concise with their paperwork.

“All of our paperwork is organized. All the officers have left to do is keep track of the equipment and teach the class,” Heilmann said.

“All of them are doing an excellent job,” said Lt. Col. Yolanda V. Taylor, commander of the 2290th. “They are really working well together.”

The hard work is apparent to the many Scouts who come to the exhibit each day. Since it takes three to five hours to complete, according to Heilmann, the Scouts know they have a challenge set in front of them.

“I like the way the combined services have come together to provide the Scouts with a good time. The camaraderie is overwhelming,” said Spc. Kelly Hughes, a medic with the 2290th.

Seeing servicemembers work together is a good influence on the Scouts. It also shows them they can go to one of those people for assistance, said Hughes.

There are more interesting things to see at the first aid station other than insect bites and scrapes.

The “Dancing Nurses” have been wreaking havoc since their debut at the first Arena Show, held here July 22.

It all started when Cpt. Nancy D. Gilliam, 1st Lt. Kathy Travers, 1st Lt. Susan L. Casey,

Cpt. Sheila Polley and 1st Lt. Diane Raymond got so much into the music they stood up and starting dancing. Several spectators took their lead and they have been called “The Dancing Nurses” ever since.

In fact, a field sign hanging from a tent has “The Dancing Nurses” scrawled on the bottom of it, in case any one has any doubts to their authenticity.

“The ‘Dancing Nurses’ actually make me want to join the Army and maybe be a medic. Either that or join Special Forces,” said a grinning Joey McNeese, a Scout from Seminole 3, San Diego, Calif.



Photo by Spc. Elizabeth Casebeer

**Marine Lance Cpl. David Hernandez shows the Scouts how to do "Boy Scout Pushups."**

# Marines motivate Scouts

By Spc. Elizabeth Casebeer  
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“One, two, three, four United States Marine Corps!” echoes off the trees in the field. It’s like a scene out of Marine Boot Camp, only the participants are Scouts, not recruits.

Each Monday through Saturday here at the National Scout Jamboree, Scouts join together to get a little physical training, Marine Corps style.

The Scouts are divided into four regions for PT, with one team per region. Some of the kids walk a half-mile to get to the PT field, said Marine Corps Lt. Col William Wright, one of the instructors stationed at the Northeast Region in Quantico, Va.

PT starts with Marine Lance Cpl. David Hernandez leading in “The Daily Seven,” a series of exercises. “I think PT for the Scouts is a good thing. We’re very casual when we form them up, but we still enjoy sounding off together,” said Hernandez, a member of the Marine Corps Air Facility at Quantico, Va.

“The reason we’re doing PT is because being physically fit is one of the shared concerns of Scouts and the Marine Corps. The Scout oath says for scouts to be physically strong. We’re here to encourage Scouts to develop a lifestyle of good fitness,” said Wright.

Scouts should also live by healthy lifestyles, including exercise, diet and avoidance of harmful substances like tobacco, alcohol and drugs, said Wright.

In order to start on a regiment of good fitness, Scouts must have some degree of motivation.

“We have this Scoutmaster the Scouts have nicknamed ‘Crazy Lady’ because she bangs on pots and pans to wake her troop up in the morning. I told the Scouts they’d better come to PT or I’d get her out there at 5 a.m.,” laughs Keith Impink, a Scoutmaster from Troop 430, West Morelands, Pa. .

It seems Impink’s plot has worked. He arrived at the PT field Thursday with two boys and ended up with 20 Scouts by Tuesday.

A proud Wright said about 120 Scouts in all showed up for PT one morning.

The Scouts aren’t the only ones benefiting from PT. “Having the Scouts here with us is just pure motivation,” said Marine Cpl. Philip V. Gentile, 2nd Radio Batallion, Camp Lejeune, N.C. “We get that much more out of it by just seeing these guys out there and smiling. It’s a lot of fun.”

# Surprised Scout receives prize

By Spc. Briana G. Wright  
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The Army Adventure Area, after thousands of Scouts and many days, closed its gates with an unexpected, but welcome surprise.

Little did 13-year-old Alex J. Kuley, Star Scout from Cincinnati Ohio, know that he would be the last Scout to enter into the AAA and be honored for doing so.

Maj. Gerald D. Sparks, officer in charge of the AAA with 1st Army Headquarters, surprised Kuley when he pulled him aside out of the crowd to inform him of his award.

“At first he thought he was in trouble, but when he found out what he had won he was smiling from ear to ear,” said Sparks.

The award, which was mostly for recognition, included pictures of the Golden Knights, personal pictures of Kuley with his prizes, a National Guard hat, cookies, and various other gifts, said Sparks.

“I just wanted it to be an exciting time for Scouts,” Sparks said.

Over 34,000 Scouts passed through the AAA, which was close to double the expected turnout, he said.

Although the fun of the jamboree is coming to a close, at least one Scout can go home with a smile on his face and lots of things to remember his jamboree by.

## Safety Thoughts

- The next chance you take may be your last.
- Recklessness is no indication of bravery.
- A fatal accident happens only once a lifetime.
- Insurance is good, protection is better, prevention is best.
- A wife of a careless man is half a widow.
- Horseplay and shortcuts will help you enter eternity.

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# Riggers rate high in responsibility

By Spc. Elizabeth Casebeer  
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It's the ultimate trust fall. Every day airborne soldiers put their trust in the hands of someone they will probably never meet. Those people are the U.S. Army's very own parachute riggers from the Quartermaster School at Fort Lee, Va.

The parachute riggers have set up a tent in the Army Adventure Area at the National Scout Jamboree here to support the program.

"We are here teaching the Scouts about quartermasters and what we do," said Staff Sgt. Thomas A. Carver, an instructor at the Quartermaster School.

"I wanted to see what the parachutes look like. I think it would really be cool to try," said 16-year-old Life Scout Mike Carlson from Troop 17, Oil City, Penn.

The job of a parachute rigger seems simple, but actually it requires a lot of training, responsibility and concentration.

"Riggers," as they are known not only have to be familiar with their job requirements, but those of the paratroopers as well. Riggers have to be airborne qualified and are required to complete at least one jump every week.

I teach Army, Navy and Marine servicemembers how to pack a parachute," said Staff Sgt. Mario Rivera, an instructor at the Quartermaster School.

During their advanced individual training, each rigger must pack a parachute within an hour and complete a jump with that same parachute.

When the students get to their units, they

must be able to pack 25 chutes per day and assist in the jumping of at least 64 jumpers out of a C-130 in 20 seconds. That is known as a combat jump, said Rivera.

Riggers are also required to perform maintenance on the paratroopers equipment. This includes sewing patches on the canopy when needed.

Though the Airborne soldiers may never truly know the person who packed his parachute, the spirit of the rigger and the work he's done will follow the jumper all the way to the ground.

**"As a former member of the Golden Knights ... I recognize the importance of a properly packed 'chute."**

Staff Sgt. Mario Rivera, Instructor  
Quartermaster School, Ft. Lee, Va.



Photo by Spc. Elizabeth Casebeer

**Staff Sgt. Mario Rivera, a Rigger/Instructor, Quartermaster School, Fort Lee, Va., shows the proper way to pack a parachute.**

## Army Adventure Area patch proves popular

By Staff Sgt. Pat Johnston  
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One of the most popular patches collected by Scouts at the 2001 National Scout Jamboree is the four-inch diameter Army Adventure Area completion patch.

As a Scout enters the Army Adventure Area he is handed a card with all stations in the AAA. Once the Scout has been stamped at all stations, he returns to the gatekeepers at the entrance station for verification. His card is stamped and he is given the large, colorful patch.

Some of the stations available for patch pursuers are: air defense linebacker, infantry M2-A2 BFV, field artillery paladin, medical service, 'Blackhawk' helicopter, ROTC climbing tower, USAREC shooting adventure, special forces rope bridge, USAREC rock wall, M1A2 Abrams wall.

Toward the end of the circular adventuring course is the ever-popular free-fresh

cookie station baked in a field kitchen by the Virginia Army National Guard.

Staff Sgt. Lurline Whitfield, 2nd Brigade, 85th Division, Fort McCoy, Wis., is in charge of the patch verification station. "This is the station they love because they get that pretty badge they came here for," said Whitfield.

As a Scout in a wheelchair was handed his patch and card, Whitfield said, "Everybody can participate to include the parents. The adults really want the badge as much as the kids."

Whitfield said that she is assigned two soldiers every day. They come from different units, active, Reserve and Guard and from other branches of service.

An informal poll of the most popular stations in the AAA reveals that the Special Forces "zip line" was a must do. In all over 20,000 Scouts will take home a special memento from the jamboree, "I survived the Army Adventure Area" badge.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Pat Johnston

**Over 20,000 Scouts will have earned the Army Adventure Area Patch by the end of the NSJ.**



Photo by Sgt. David Lomax

**2nd Lt. Scherief Butler, Gold Star Recruiter from Morgan State University, adjusts a Scout's safety harness at the ROTC obstacle course in the Army Adventure Area.**

## Scouts tackle ROTC tower

By Sgt. David Lomax  
300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

Life offers many challenges and obstacles that take courage and personal commitment to meet. Young men from all over this country

and the world gathered at the 2001 National Scout Jamboree over several days. Here they set a fine example for young people to follow through their positive actions and good deeds.

This year's jamboree is coming to an end, but thousands of Scouts have gained valuable experience by their presence here.

The Army ROTC obstacle course in the Army Adventure Area impacted Scouts by challenging them to overcome life's obstacles. T

They demonstrated through teamwork, hard work and caring that anything in life can be easily accomplished.

Under the expert instruction and encouragement of soldiers from the 1st Region ROTC Command, hundreds of Scouts excitedly lined up to climb the imposing obstacle course.

One by one they were outfitted with a safety harness and belay line before making their way toward the 200-ft. tower of rope ladders, hand grips, and hanging rope lines.

"We have been here throughout the jamboree trying to emphasize to Scouts the value of hard work and perseverance," said Capt. Patrick C. Hartley, 4th Brigade, 1st Region ROTC. "Scouts are already motivated," he said. "We try to get them to see that any challenge can be met if you don't give up."

"The Scouts show some reluctance while climbing the obstacle, but it's nice to see their excitement when they reach the top," said 2nd Lt. Partick W. Hufnagol, Gold Bar Recruiter, ROTC, from the Virginia Military Institute.

Monday Brig. Gen. John H. Kern, commanding general of the 352nd Civil Affairs Command, Riverdale, Md. visited the course.

Hufnagol said the general talked briefly with Scouts who were waiting in line about school and the Army. He said to the Scouts' amazement, the general donned safety gear and climbed to the top of the obstacle.

"The general showed them the pride and determination of a soldier, no matter what rank they hold," said Hufnagol.

"It was a great message to send those kids," he added.

From the Scouts' first step upward on the obstacle to that final step on the top platform, the Scouts are given encouragement, said Hufnagol.

"The jamboree is a great event," he said. "I've met a lot of young people and gained valuable experience in recruiting."

Hufnagol said if he had to leave a message it would be this: "Don't give up, don't ever give up."



Photo by Sgt. David Lomax

**A Scout pulls himself slowly toward the top of the the tower at the ROTC Challenge in the Army Adventure area.**



Photo by Sgt. David Lomax

**A Scout is determined to clear the rope ladder as he makes his way up the tower at the Army ROTC Challenge in the Army Adventure Area.**





ABOVE: More than 500 servicemembers a day go through the two-story Morale, Welfare and Recreation center set up by the Directorate of Personnel and Community Services, said Ron Hodges, Director of DPCS.

Not only did the DPCS provide MWR for the servicemembers, but also Army Emergency Relief services, billeting for individual augmentees and even the barber shop.

"We've had more usage this jamboree than any in the past," said Hodges. "I think it's because we have a better selection of equipment." Pictured from left to right: Leslie Bland, Shannon Davis, Barbara Glover, Stacy Petry, Katrina Hunter, Ron Hodges.



"The Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security Directorate handles all the normal training that goes on here at A.P. Hill and all the force protection for the installation," said Henry H. Hanahan, the Director of DPTMS.

Hanahan said he has seen a pattern in the servicemembers that come to A.P. Hill for the Jamboree.

"It happens every time. When they first come in they don't quite know what they are getting into. For most, it starts like any other deployment -- they're away from families, away from home, and frankly they're not really happy about it

"But once the kids get here, their whole attitude changes. They realize that they have an opportunity to contribute to a real important mission."

Pictured: The staff of DPTMS.

## Thank You to all the Directorates who helped make the jamboree a success!



LEFT: Lisa Skinner, director of resource management at Fort A.P. Hill said that her planning for the jamboree starts about six years ahead of time. But then, most of the financial planning for the activities at A.P. Hill starts in her office many years ahead of time.

"I am thrilled that I get to have a part of the jamboree," said Skinner. "I think it's a great thing for young people."

Pictured from left to right:

Barbara Byrd, Donna Farmer, Sandra Beazley, Cathy Fortune, Lisa Skinner.

RIGHT: The Directorate of Public Works area of responsibility stretches from one end of A.P. Hill to the other, and involves most of the activities in between, including utilities, landscaping and construction. Pictured from left to right: Leslie Fortune, Terry Banks, Capt. Maria Schneider, Paul Gaucher, Earl Ervin, Doint Desai, Frederick Hwee, Brenda Brownley, Jean Schofield, Charles Floyd, Milton Cecil, J.D. Robinson, Cathy Thompson, Allan Chenault, Sheila Rivera, Dennis Getty, Sergio Sergi, Allen Lawson, Gwynne Indseth, Brian Robinson, Ken Olson, David Spicer.



RIGHT: "The public safety job is a 24-hour a day, seven day a week job," said Mary A. Staab, director, public safety. The DPS worked closely with local fire, law enforcement and emergency agencies to provide traffic control and security for the more than 50,000 Scouts, Scouters and servicemembers attending the 2001 National Scout Jamboree.

Pictured: The staff of the Directorate of Public Safety.



LEFT: If the hot Virginian sun made you appreciate the cool air conditioning in the Wilcox dining facility, you can thank the Directorate of Contracting. DOC was responsible for contracting air conditioning for 10 buildings in the Wilcox area, and all the other contracting for the jamboree.

"The planning around here starts before the Scouts leave," said Michael Lyttle, contract specialist for DOC.

Pictured from left to right: Cynthia Taylor, Michael Lyttle, Kendra Harley.

Photos by Sgt. Samuel McLarty and Sgt. David Lomax  
300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment



ABOVE: "Getting ready for the jamboree was many, many months of planning and work, procuring radio systems, computers, installing phones and cables," said Elias O. Hall, Jr. director of information management. Pictured from left to right: Spc. Robert L. Bess, Master Sgt. Maurice D. Lacey, Charlie Osborn, Bonnie G. Romenick, Spc. Christopher N. Adams, Earl S. Neville, Sgt. Terrance J. Glidden, Spc. Shaun M. Smith, Elias O. Hall, Jr.



ABOVE: The Fort A.P. Hill Directorate of Logistics provided more than 10,000 cots, 1,023 GP mediums and 78,000 tent pegs to the Scouts and servicemembers attending the 2001 National Scout Jamboree. Pictured from left to right: Ken Derby, Ed Thorton, Jodie Holmes, Minnie Cooper, Shirley Crabtree, Sgt. Jennifer Mason, Jim Salisbury,